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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PFOR, ETRD

SUBJ: ARAB BOYCOTT: FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS

REF: STATE 43693, STATE 43697

1. IN MORNING OF FEB. 28, I PROVIDED ADVANCED COPY OF TEXT

OF SECRETARY'S STATEMENT BEFORE INTERNATIONAL FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE OF SENATE BANKING COMMITTEE TO PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR, DR. ADNAN PACHANCHI, WHO PROMISED FURNISH COPY TO FONMIN SUWAIDI. MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS GHUBBASH IS AWAY IN LONDON AND SUWAIDI TIED UP WITH OPENING OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

- 2. I HAD PREVIOUSLY SHARED WITH GHUBBASH AND PACHACHI HIGH-LIGHTS OF GULF AMBASSADORS FEBRUARY 20 MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY IN RIYADH, INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF BOYCOTT SO THAT SECRETARY'S STATEMENT CAME AS NO SURPRISE. SAUDI COOPERATION IN ACCEPTING POSITIVE CERTIFICATION WAS MENTIONED BRIEFLY, AS IT WAS INCLUDED IN BODY OF SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.
- 3. AT MARCH I INAUGURATION OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, I HAD OCCASION TO MEET WITH PACHACI AGAIN WHO SAID HE HAD READ SECRETARY'S STATEMENT AND THAT IT WOULD BE STUDIED CAREFULLY. HE HOPED THAT BOYCOTT DEBATE IN CONGRESS WOULD NOT DIVERT ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS TO MOVE AGAIN ON MIDDLE EAST AND THAT IT WOULD NOT DELAY TIMETABLE FOR GENEVA CONFERENCE. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT UAEG RECOGNIZED SOVERIGN RIGHT OF US TO REGULATE ITS COMMERCE TO AVOID DISCRIMINATORY ACTS WITHIN US, AND AFFIRMED THAT UAE HAD NOT IN PAST APPLIED BOYCOTT IN ANY MANNER WHICH COULD BE INTERPRETED AS BEING BASED ON RELIGION OR NATIONAL ORIGIN OF INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS.
- 4. FOR MOMENT, IT APPEARS UAEG IS GOING TO WAIT AND SEE HOW BOYCOTT DEBATE DEVELOPS IN CONGRESS AND WHETHER ADMINISTRATION IS ABLE TO GET CONGRESS TO ACCEPT THE SEVEN CONFIDENTIAL

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POINT GUIDELINES FOR LEGISLATION SET FORTH IN SECRETARY'S SPEECH. WE ALSO ANTICIPATE THAT UAEG WILL WANT TO CONSULT CLOSELY WITH SAUDIS.

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